Mr. Parker amended the resolution by

THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

Gov. Tyler Approves Bill Exempting

Newspapers from License.

Governor Tyler yesterday approved the

oill to exempt those engaged in the pub-

lication of newspapers from being re-unired to obtain a license for the privi-age or right of printing or publishing the

ame in the cities, towns, and counties in

This bill, which was drawn by Mr. Al-

bert H. Grandy, owner of the Norfolk Pilot, was introduced in the Senate by

rnor, and in presenting the pen to him,

Your Excellency, I feel highly honored that I should have been selected by the

Norfolk Pilot, which has waged such a successful battle in the interest of a free

pen, with which to affix your signature to the act which I hold in my hand, and which, for all time, should set at defiance any afid all attempts to subsidize the press—the bulwark of American liberty; and which should be a bright particular star, guiding the people of Virginia in a stronger desire to perpetuate the freedom of the press of this grand old Commonwealth.

Your Excellency, I am proud to say

enjoys in a high degree the love, confi-dence, and esteem of the people who have

dence, and esterm of the people was delevated you to the highest office in the gift of the State, and I know that I but echo the sentiment of all Virginians when I say that no more true, noble, chivalrous type of Virginia manhood could have the

gh privilege of accepting this pen, and

edom of the press in our liberty-loving

which, by using in approving the action of the General Assembly, perpetuate the

The Governor appreciated the compli-

cheerish it as a memento of this occa-

Illness of a Colored Physician,

Dr. Samuel H. Dismond, the leading

olored physician of the city, is critically

iii, and not expected to recover. He has appendicitis, and is being attended by Dr.

R. E. Jones (colored), with Drs. John

ston. Mathews, and Ross as consultants.

Dr. Dismond is an unassuming man

whose influence has been toward the ele-

vation of his people, and he has won

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her residence, 1111 north First street.

Mrs. Ann Burgess continues quite ill at

Mrs. W. D. Turner will leave for her

future home, New York city, on Tuesday.

Mrs. Percy C. Courtney, of Hinton, W.

Miss Mattle Bowles, of Hanover, is visiting Miss Blanche Hawks, of Church

Mr. M. Arnold, of the Globe Shoe and

Clothing Company, has just returned from

Mrs. S. B. King, of Goochland, is visit-ing at Mr. Ernest Bolling's, No. 1017 Floyd

Mrs. W. L. Waring, Jr., has gone to

New Orleans to visit her father and at-

Miss Lily Howlett, of Petersburg, is

Master Jacob F. Seigel, Jr., who had his leg taken off at the Virginia Hospital,

Mrs. H. K. Franklin, who has been

suffering from a relapse of gastritis, has

Rev. T. P. Pettigrew will preach at Highland Springs Methodist Episcopal

Messrs. Joel and D. Comfort Wat-kins, sons of Captain Frank B. Watkins,

Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, returned.

Miss Ina V. West, daughter of Captain

and Mrs. S. Brocklyn West, is quite ill at her home, No. 512 west Grace street.

Mr. Robert G. Hiden, of the local staff of the Times, who has been sick for two

Rev. J. A. Morehead, pastor of the First

English Evangelical Lutheran church, will

Miss Julia Graves, who has been quite

sick at the residence of her mother, 632 north Seventh street, is somewhat better,

The Richmond Light Infantry Blues

Band furnished music at the Balley meet-ing Friday, instead of the First Regiment

Mrs. F. S. McCausland, of Boston

Mass., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. A. Ewers, has left for Washing-

The West-End Democratic and Social

Club will hold their annual meeting to-

morrow night, at their hall, 700 west Broad street, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Mrs. L. T. Robertson, who has been

visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Walter, of 315 north Twenty-third street,

There will be an important rehearsal

of "The Little Tycoon" cast and chorus to-morrow night, at the Elks' Home. Pro-

essor Moses Stein will direct the re-

Dr. George F. Bagby left the city last

The condition of Mr. Charles G. Thomp-

son, our venerable and esteemed citizen

eye, ear, nose, and throat.

cts to return to New York city next

preach at the Soldiers' Home at

oks will leave to-morrow for a visit

her cousin, Mrs. Woodfin,

Va., is stopping at 911 east Leigh street.

clans of the city.

New York.

tend the Mardi Gras.

627 north Eighth street.

is getting along very well.

church to-day at 11:30 A. M.

to Alabama.

Wednesday.

hearsal.

though still very weak.

Band, as stated yesterday.

ton city, to visit her mother.

people and a free press, to present to

ed, was adopted.

this State.

wealth

providing that the question be submitted on the 11th day of August, 1808. This was agreed to, and the resolution, as amend-THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION WILL BE EXTENDED.

WILL PROBABLY END WEDNESDAY,

The Great Fight Over Appropriations Must Be Fought Out Ere Adjournment-Cancus Favors Popular Vote on Constitutional Convention

The General Assembly will probably adjourn Wednesday, though the term of ninety days expires to-morrow.

Filot, was introduced in the Senate by Mr. McIlwaine, of Petersburg, and in the House by Mr. Bland, of Portsmouth. The measure was signed with a beautiful pen, sent by Mr. Grandy to Mr. Bland, to be presented to Governor Tyler for this purpose. The pen is gold, with silver holder and pearl handle, on which is engraved "The Freedom of the Press."

Mr. Bland took the bill up to the Governor, and in presenting the pen to him. This was almost the universal opinion among the leaders of the two houses, though probably the most prominent man in the Senate expressed the pellef that adjournment Thursday was very probable. One or two thought the end might come Tuesday night, but they were in a lonesome minority.

There is not a great variety of work for the two houses to do, but it makes up in difficulty what it may lack in alost anything else. The House has not yet finished the appropriation bill. It will not be finished before late to-morrow afternoon, at the earliest; it may
be that it will not leave the House until
pen, with which to affix your signature

Tuesday.

THE TWO HOUSES NOT AGREED. Enough has been seen to make it certain that from start to finish the bill will be quite a different measure from that which was put through the Senate so easily and this fact is assurance that a final agreement between the two branches will be reached only after a bitter fight in conference, and on the floor. The same senator who thought the session would hardly terminate before Thursday was bardly terminate before Thursday was also of the opinion that the inal fight over the appropriations would be the would be the over the appropriations would be the fiercest fought in the Senate in years. Those who believe they are in duty bound to reduce appropriations as greatly as proposed in the bill now teing fought through the House, as well as those who who have the references to a point at which

think it retrenches to a point at the efficiency of the public service is en dangered, realize they are in the las ment, and as he took the pen and wrote his name on the act, he remarked: "This ditch, and the fight this week will be o pen writes soft and beautiful, and I will victory and defeat of ideas is to be the result. MUST BE A COMPROMISE.

It is no more possible to predict the outcome with accuracy than it was a week ago. It will, of course, be a compromise—an increase over the amounts of the House bill, a decrease from the amounts of the Senate bill. Whether it will be most like the Senate bill or the House bill when it reaches Governor Tyler's big desk, only Omniscience knows.

the appropriation bill, has also to take some sort of action upon the Senate resolution to submit to the people the ques tion of holding a constitutional co There is reason to believe the reso lution will not get through this body so easily as through the Senate, if at all. The vote will be close. The Senate has to dispose of the labor ureau bill to-morrow. This will prac-

bureau bill to-morrow. This will prac-tically complete its work, as it is under-steed that no more bills will be pre-

CAUCUS FAVORS A CONVENTION.

The House Should Vote to Let the The Democratic caucus held last night

to discuss the question of calling a constitutional convention, after considerable argument, adopted a resolution, to the effect that it was the sense of the body that the question should be submitted to the people at a special election to be held on the 11th of August, 1898. According to the resolution under which

the body was proceeding, this action does not bind the members to support such a resolution on the floor of either branch of the General Assembly,

In the absence of Mr. Cooke, the chairman, Mr. Saunders called the caucus to order. Mr. Stubbs was then requested to take the chair, and Mr. Saunders said that it was time that the body took som action if they intended to, and if the didn't then there was no use of botherin longer. It was evident from the small attendance, that the members were taking little interest in the matter, HOW IT MIGHT BE.

If there was any man who could show that by any retrenchment they could mee the necessities of the next few years then the question was solved without bothering with any constitutional convention. But as yet no man about the that. There was no doubt about the that. convention. The question to be decided was, whether it should be submitted to the people in the fall or spring. He thought the coming fall was the best

Mr. Blanton offered a resolution to the effect that the question of calling a constitutional convention be submitted to the people at the spring election of 1899.

WANTED IT A PARTY ISSUE. Judge Watkins said that he was much disappointed to hear that because some one wanted to go to Congress that we are to be met with the statement that I will not do to submit this call for a cor vention at a time when these gentleme were before the people for election. He thought the interests of the State were greater than those of these gentlemen. He thought the question should be made

Pilcher said that when the peopl

wanted a convention they would ask for it. They hadn't done so yet.

Judge Watkins said that he preferred to submit the question in the fall. The people had been frightened off from calling a constitutional convention by told that the Republicans might control such a body. For his part, he would pre fer to have a convention controlled by that party than to have none at all.

Mr. Parker said if the question was submitted in the spring there would be week for Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York, where he will spend several months in completing his studies of the but a repetition of last May. He thought it should be submitted at an election held simply to decide that one question, when the latter would be the sole issue. who lies critically ill at his residence, 1003 West avenue, shows little or no sign

He believed that a constitutional con-vntion should be held. Mr. Anderson thought Mr. Parker's plan was the best one yet suggested.

of permanent improvement. Ciptain Featherston said the only only Dr. George F. Bagby, of Farmville, who has been conducting special services at Calvary Baptist church, for the past two when the question should be submitted. At a special election the people would weeks, will preach there to-day, morning not turn out, and he favored submitting the question at a general election. and night. Mr. Murphy thought a special election should be held for the purpose.

THE PEOPLE LUKEWARM.

were lukewarm now, and the next time the question was submitted it must be

won. Therefore, he urged the body not to precipitate the matier, but to wait

Mr. Stabbe said that the body should

pass a resolution before adjourning, requesting that the question of calling a

convention be submitted to the people Mr. Winborne thought there would be

no need to inquire as to the "mutter ings and growlings" ofter the Legisla

adjourned. The air would res

with them, when the people realized what

Pittle had been done by the General As-

sombly to relieve the condition of the

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONVENTION.

a resolution providing "that it is the sense of this caucus that the General Assembly pass a resolution submitting

to the people at the general election of

Evenutive Committee of the Demogratic

Mr. James Mann, of Nottoway, offered

growl.

the people began to "mutter and

Mrs. A. J. Richardson, of Louisa, who was called to the city some two weeks ago to her mother, who had been badly Captain Minter said that until the peo ple saw the necessity for a convention one would not be called. The people

injured by being run over by a buggy, has returned home. The elder Mrs. Richardson is steadily improving. To-morrow evening the McGill Catholic

ainment for the members of the union The programme will consist of recita-tions, readings, and music, both vocal and instrumental, the musical part being under the direction of Mr. J. Louis Sulli

Mr. R. O. Hall and wife, of Austin Minn., spent the past week in Richmond at the home of Mr. F. Dettelbach, on Clay street. Mr. Hall has been travelling constantly for the past seven months, and said Richmond's business and resources will compare favorably with those of any city it has been his pleasure

Richmonders in New York. NEW YORK, February 25.—(Special.)—C. M. Terrell, Mariborough; J. S. Moore, Jr., and wife, St. Denis.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. November next whether or not there shall be a constitutional convention, and resolved, further, that we request the course. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. tublet.

FEARFUL TRAGEDY IN A CHARLES TON TENEMENT HOUSE.

FIREMAN'S FAMILY WIPED OUT.

His Arrival, Just in Time to See His Children Brought Out

CHARLESTON, S. C., February 26 .-Seven lives were lost in a fearful fire which raged for a short while on Church street this morning. At 2:10 o'clock, a policeman on duty

noticed small sparks flying from the

tenement-house, No. 116 Church street. The officer found that a blaze was issuing from one of the windows on the first floor. The doors were broken open, and the family on the first floor rushed out. Semebody said that a family of womer were sleeping on the third floor. The police rushed upstairs, but when they reached the top story the life-saving work was stopped by the flames, which seemed to be playing over the entire building. Screams from dying women were heard, and Officer Bagby rushed in and pulled out three charred bodies.

The quick work of the Fire Department checked the fire, and it was soon under control, but not until the lives of those on the third floor were lost. The

MIS. REBECCA KNICKMAYER. ALBERT O'NEALE. CASWELL O'NEALE.

JOSEPHINE KNICKMAYER, 17 years KATIE KNICKMAYER, 16 years old.

FRANCES KNICKMAYER, 6 years of A BABY OF MRS. KNICKMAYER'S, 1 month old.

Mrs. Knickmayer was the wife of Theodore Knickmayer, a carpenter, who is also a call-man in the Fire Department.

The other Knickmayers were all his children, and the O'Neales were his brothers-Last night Mr. Knickmayer was on watch at the fire-engine house, at the corner of Meeting and Wentworth streets.

When the alarm came in he was among the first to get off to the scene, and as he turned into Church street he saw that he turned into Church street he saw that it was his own house. He rushed into the building, to see the police dragging out his children, black, burned, and dead. The building is gutted, but the damage will not be very great.

A WEEK OF WEDDINGS.

Cupid Has Apparently Concentrated His Efforts on Ronnoke.

ROANOKE, VA., February 26 .- (Special.)-Truly the past week in Reanoke has been one in which Cupid reigned supreme, perhaps, more marriages being solemnized than during any other week of the city's existence.

of the prettiest weddings took place One of the prettiest weddings took place last night at Grace Methodist Episcopal church, when T. M. Hiltzheimer, an attache of the Stone Printing and Manufacturing Company, was married to Miss Rosa Lee Headen, daughter of Captain and Mrs. J. W. Headen, of this city. Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Hendel, of the church, offi-clated. Miss Lucy Shelton, of Floyd county, was maid of honor, and Frank Hursh was best man. The ushers were J. M. Carper, Charles Headen, George T. Kessler, and O. T. Wright. Alberta Leader and Ruth Bulla were flower girls for the occasion. A reception was held at the home of the bride immediately fol-

lowing the ceremony.

Miss Alice Muse, of Vinton, was on
Thursday married to H. F. Gross, of Elliston, Rev. G. T. D. Collins performing the ceremony.
On Wednesday evening A. H. Swartzel,

an employee of the Norfolk and Western railway, was married to Miss Ada Blackwell, at the residence of J. L. Hambrick, on First avenue, northwest, W. D. Moore, of Huntington, W. Va., was married to Miss Bertha Wilkins, at

the residence of the bride's and Mrs. W. P. Wilkins, on Dale avenue, southeast. Rev. T. J. Shipman, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiated. The young couple have gone to Hunting-ton, W. Va., where they will reside in C. F. Woodward, of Chicago, and Miss

C. F. Woodward, of Chicago, and soles Flora V. Updyke, of Torrytown, Va., were married at the residence of Captain J. B. Updyke, an uncle of the bride, by Rev. H. I. Stephens, pastor of St. James Methodist Episcopal Church, South. After the ceremony the young couple left for a tour of the northern cities.

Allen R. Carner, an employee of the Norfolk and Western, was married to Miss Roxle Bowles, at the residence of he bride's parents, No. 5 Crozer row. Edward J. Fox and Miss Ida Hancock were united in marriage at the parsonage of the First Baptist church by Rev. T. J.

The remains of Mrs. John O. Wootton, who died recently in Chicago, arrived in this city to-day, after which funeral ser-emonies were conducted at Woodside Presbyterian church. The remains were then laid to rest in the Persinger family

burying-ground.

George Divers (colored) was found frozen to death near High Peak, Floyd county, yesterday morning. He was drunk, and had been left by the wayside by his companions. The Coroner's jury rendered a verdict of death by exposure. The Jeff. Davis Rifles, of Salem, have expressed a willingness to go to Cuba at once, in case war is declared. The two military companies of Roanoke also hold themselves in readiness.

A telegram has been received here stating that Ferdinand Hannibas, a colored contractor, of this city, had fallen from a building on which he was work-ing, the distance of 175 feet, and was instantly killed. The accident occurred at Omaha, Neb., where the unfortunate man was visiting a twin brother.

Mountain Dale Lodge, No. 49, I. O. O.

F., will at once begin preparation for the erection of their new building on Henry street. The lodge proposes to issue five-year bonds to its members, in order to secure the necessary funds.

CHASE CITY NEWS.

Proposed New Railroad Awaited With Interest-The Crops.

cial.)-Last night, at the Southside Acadenjoyable lecture to a large audience. He was in fine condition and all were pleased. One preacher said his laughter would add two pounds to his weight. It is the policy of Professor James, principal of the academy, to have lectures, entertainments, and other social and intellectual diversions for his students and patrons. The first half of dents and patrons. The first half of the most prosperous and successful ses-sion in the history of the school has just closed. The scope of the studies has been considerably extended and the library supplied with valuable books and firstclass magazines and papers. Addresses have been made to the school by President Boatwright, LL. D., of Richmond College; President C. F. James, D. D., of Roanoke Female College; Rev. L. R. Thornhill, D. D., of Manchester, and prominent gentlemen of the town. Sevedent Boatwright, L.L. D., of Richmond prominent gentlemen of the town. Several eminent educators and lecturers have been engaged for the next half session.

A Philadelphia gentleman, who recently purchased a large body of land in this county, has shipped to the county 1,200 partridges to be turned loose on his estate. They will spread to the adjoining farms and with the home supply, will stock the county with game.

It is estimated that three fourths of the crop of tobacco of last year has been

the crop of tobacco of last year has been marketed. This reduces the quantity to be sold much smaller than usual for this season of the year.

Mr. A. C. Larson has returned from a visit of several months to the home of his birth, in Denmark, from which he had Life-insurance agents are more nume-been absent for ten years. He says the rous then were ever known in this sec-trip across the Atlantic did not affect

tion, soliciting risks in town and country. Some have made good success. RAILWAY EXTENSION. The construction of the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina railroad, which traverses the eastern portion of this county from north to south, is confidently expected during the present year. ond will penetrate a section now remote om railroad facilities and rich in forestal from railroad facilities and rich in forestal and agricultural resources. This will make three railroads in Mecklenburg, and every portion of the county will have the resource and transportation.

advantages for travel and transportation, In looking over the report of the Board of Visitors of Lee Camp Soldiers' Home for 1837, I do not find the name of an old soldier from this county. There are about fifty State-pensioners in the county, who, with the small amount from the State and the generous annual contribution of that noble Roman, Colonel T. F. Goode, with their own exertions, manage to support themselves. This has been an exceedingly dry and

pleasant winter. The farmers have found their lands in excellent condition for crop preparations.

Our hotels have been well patronized all

the winter with people from the North, who are completely captivated with the

TIDINGS FROM HOWARDSVILLE. Will Attend Revivals-The Farmers

Busy and Hopeful.

largely attended protracted meeting which has been held in Howardsville for many a day was closed yesterday. This improving.

Rev. J. H. Kabler, pastor of East Sufmeeting was begun nearly two weeks ago, and from the beginning the interest and the earnestness of the people was most marked. Rev. George W. Wiley, the conductor, has captivated the who community, irrespective of denomination crated work. He has let us see ourselves as others see us, and consequently, much good has been accomplished. Rev. Mr. Wiley left for his home, in Campbell, this morning, with the prayers of our people for success in his future work. MARBLE QUARRY TO RESUME WORK It is expected that the Nelson county marble-quarry, which has been shut down for a week, will begin operations Mon

Work on the Alberene railroad is progressing rapidly, and with favorable weather the contractors expect to have it ready for use by the 1st of April, at all events. The great furore which was occasioned

by the attempt of the White Hall people thorizing the voters of Buckingham county to decide the question concerning removal of the court-house by ballot has about subsided, and now all interest is centered around the proposed railroad from White Hall to Maysville Court-MASTER ALLEN BELL IMPROVING.

Master Allen Bell, who was burned quite seriously a short time ago at Maysville, is improving rapidly, and the ford, Conn. wounds will soon be healed entirely. Mr. M. Lienan, who has been to New York on business connected with the new soapstone quarry, has returned

Mr. William Camden, of Roanoke, and Mr. Thomas Perkins, of Montreal, were here recently exchanging greetings with their old friends. Miss Ollie Curd is the guest of Mrs.

Carter. Mr. L. Bolling Jefferson, who has been away on a continued business and plea-

sure trip, has gotten back. Our farmers have begun their early spring work with more vim and with proader smiles than for several years past, a sure augur that farm products are selling well, and that they also expect this year's crop to prove remunerative to a degree, at least. Fallowing has been going on for some time, and for tobacco plants are being made.

SCOTTSVILLE TALKS OF WAR.

Her Citizens Deeply Interested Preparations for Spring Farming.

SCOTTSVILLE, VA., February 26 .-(Special.)-The thermometer fell here yesterday about thirty degrees before midnight, and the ground is s'ill frozen. The question of a probable war with Spain seems to be the principal topic dis

cussed in our town at present. Our people are much interested in the subject of sugar-beet culture. At a re cent meeting of prominent farmers and other leading men of our town held at the Carlton-House, in this place, the sub ject was pretty thoroughly discussed, and a paper pledging the signers to make a test of the matter by cultivating small area in beets this year was sign ed by all present, representing 10,000 acres of land. Good speeches on the subject were made by Messrs. George W. Clark, D. H. Pitts, Jackson Beal, and others. The question of a suitable location for the manufacturing plant also discussed, and this place was strongly recommended as one of the most suitable sites in the James-River Valley, having superior facilities for such a fac-

Mr. M. L. A. Moseley, of Buckingham county, is here to-day. He says the sub-ject of removal of the court-house to White Hall is a very unpopular one in

his county.
Messrs, E. N. Wood and Marion Tutwiler, of Fluvanna county, are in town to-day. Among those on the sick list here this week are Messrs C. B. Harris, who was severely attacked with neural-gia a few days since, and R. M. Cleve-land, and Frank T. Hill, all of whom are slowly mending, Mr. M. I. Dunn, of Midway Mills, is here to-day.

Nearly everybody is busy getting ready for gardening, and having their vine-yards and orchards pruned.

Mr. Renshaw, of St. Louis, Mo., is in

town to-day. He is on a visit to his sonin-law, Mr. Eldridge Turner, of Howards-Mr. Frank C. Moon was in Palmyra

yesterday on law business. DOINGS OF THE SUFFOLK PEOPLE.

Two Delightful Entertainments Mr. Harrell Weds Miss Baker.

SUFFOLK, VA., February 26.—(Special.) The members of the Epworth League, of Main-Street Methodist church, were handsomely entertained last night by Dr. H. W. Campbell and wife, at the residence of the latter's mother, Mrs. R. S. Eley, CHASE CITY, VA., February 26.-(Spe- No. 68 Main street. The reception was complimentary to Miss Rosebud Campemy, Judge F. R. Farrar delivered a most bell, of Ashland, sister of Dr. Campbell A large number of the leaguers were in attendance, and the occasion was one of rare enjoyment.

Last Wednesday night Miss Jennie B.

Briggs gave a reception in honor of Miss Ernestine Bayne, of Culpeper county, who is the guest of Mrs. John B. Pinner. Miss Bayne, who formerly resided in Suf-folk, has been visiting friends here for several wasks, and has been the honored several weeks, and has been the honore guest at numerous social functions.
Judge R. H. Rawles and Lieute

Judge R. H. Rawles and Lieutenant Donald McLeod, of Welcome Lodge, No. 50, Knights of Pythias, attended the ses-sion of the Grand Lodge, in Petersburg. Miss Jeannette Knox, of Condersport Pa., has accepted the position of organ-ist at the Suffolk Christian church, and

will enter upon her duties to-morrow.

Mrs. W. T. Graham, the leading alto
of the Main-Street Methodist choir, is

HAS RETURNED FROM DENMARK.

Circumstantial vs. Direct Evidence.

(New York Times.)

Frequently as it has been pointed out that circumstantial evidence may be, and often is, much more nearly conclusive than the testimony of any eye-witnesses, there is a strong and widespread prejudice against it, and this feeling gets expression every once in awhile from people in whom one would expect to find a clearer comprehension of the nature and varieties of evidence, Only this week the Society of Medical Jurisprudence heard an address, in which it was gravely asserted that the death penalty should never follow a conviction based on circumstantial evidence, and yet none of the speaker's hearers called attention to the habit which murderers have of committing their crimes when nobody is looking on, and none told him that he was practically advocating the abolition of capitul punishment. That the evidence of eye-witnesses, even when they are entirely honest and more than willing to tell the truth, is sometimes worthless, gets amusing illustration from statements made recently by Victor Balilod, a Waterloo veteran, who died the other day in the little French town of Carlisey. Though 104 years old, Bailton was in full possession of his mental faculties, and his testimony would have been received in any court. When asked if he remembered the great battle, he subswered in the affirmative with indignant emphasis, and began a long and detailed description of what he saw. "There were plenty of men there," he said, "and the cannon roar was deatening. The corn grew high, but when the cavalry had passed over it roadways were left in its wake. The more Napoleon advanced the more the enemy retreated. Did I see Napoleon? Yes, indeed I did, He never stood still, but was all over the battle-field at once." There is direct testimony for you! Circumstantial vs. Direct Evidence. him, but the "choppy" No brought on an attack of mal de Hon. R. R. Prentis and W. L. McLeod will leave here on Monday for Staunton, to attend the Monday

will leave here on Monday for Staunton, to attend the blennial season of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor, which will convene on Tuesday. The first-named gentleman is one of the Supreme Representatives from Virginia, and the latter is the representative from Nansemond Lodge, No. 2000, of Suffolk.

Miss Maud Southall, of Charlottesville, is visiting her sister. Mrs. J. B. Dunn

is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Dunn, wife of the rector of St. Paul's Episcopal

New York city, combining business and

Mrs. R. S. Boykin, of Suffolk, is visit-

A small boiler explosion occurred yesterday afternoon at the saw-mill of Mr. R. G. Dennis, on the eastern suburbs. No ne was hurt, and the damage was slight. Mr. Charles Tucker, an employee of the Virginia Manufacturing Company, had one of his toes severed yesterday by a piece of machinery falling upon it.

MR. HARRELL WEDS MISS BAKER. Mr. Edward Harrell and Miss Nodie I. Baker, of the county, were married on Wednesday night, February 23, 1898, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. R. H. Baker, Rev. W. W. Staley, D. D., of Suffolk, was the officiating minister. Miss Inez Pierce was maid of honor, while

L. Baker acted as best man. HOWARDSVILLE, VA., February 25.— marriage ceremony was followed by a proverbial Virginia wedding supper. Mr. B. W. Bell, formerly of Manchester, has been confined to his residence for everal weeks by rheumatism, but is now

> folk Methodist church, will to-morrow commence a series of meetings at that church, services being held nightly du-

HARBINGERS OF SPRING.

A Rall Game Played in Lexington Yesterday.

LEXINGTON, VA., February 26 .- (Spe cial.)-The first base-ball game of the eason took place this afternoon on the Virginia Military Institute grounds, between the local nine and the cadet nine. The game was very fast notwithstanding 123456789-R. H. E.

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Batteries-Sullivan, Baker, and Baker;
Porter and Blackford, Umpire-Cadet Blackford. FIRE AT LYNCHBURG.

Stamford Dye-Works Destroyed-Loss, \$100,000.

Stamford Dye-Works here were destroyed by fire at 1 o'clock 'his (Sunday) morning, with the exception of the box-sheds. Loss, \$100,000; partly covered by insurance. property was owned by the Stamford Manufacturing Company, of Stam-

LYNCHBURG, VA., February 27 .- The

Sigma Chi Convention.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, February 26.—(Special.)—E. Lee Trinkle, grand praettor of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, for the Second Province, has annot that the annual convention will be in Lexington, Va., by invitation of Zeta Chapter, of Washington and Lee, on the 3d and 4th of March next. This province includes the chapters in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Virginia, and Georgia. A large meeting is ex-pected and suitable arrangements have been made for a pleasant time. The "frats" will visit the Natural Bridge in a body and afterwards bring the conven tion to a close with a banquet at Lex-ington Hotel. All Sigma Chis are wel-

The News of Windsor.

WINDSOR, N. C., February 26.-(Special.)-The negro, Madison Haggard, who was charged with committing a feloniou assault upon Kittle Haggard, was ac-quitted of the felony, but convicted of a simple assault and sentenced to a term of one month at the county farm at

W. H. Sullenger and Miss Modie Haggard were married at the residence of the bride's stepfather, the Hon. Charles G. Keter, Thursday, by the Rev. J. R. Sil-

lery.

Henry Bowen, aged 77 years, died at the residence of Dr. H. W. Dunston yester-

Secret-Service Promotion.

WASHINGTON, February 26.-Mr. John E. Wilkie, of Chicago, an officer cret Service of the Treasury Department, has been promoted to the asadship of the bureau vice W. P. Hazen, who has been transferred and placed in charge of the service at New York.

Strikers to Ask Aid.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS., February 26. The officers of the strike council sent out meeting Sunday afternoon, "to transact business of great importance,"

It has developed that the leaders of he strik- realize that the fight connot e maintained without financial aid, and it has been decided to appeal to the American Pederation of Labor,

How to Scare Burglars, (Boston Transcript.)

Mrs. Hyson: They tell me your house vas entered by burglars the other night, and that you were all alone in it. Mrs. Oolong: Yes, but I had no diffiulty in frightening them off. Mrs. Hyson: For mercy's sake, what

Mrs. Oolong: I crumpled up three or four of the tidles on the parlor chairs and pulled the furniture all out of place. It made the burglars think there was a man in the house, you know The Charity of the Crowd.

(New York Herald.)

Boston authorities, in overhauling the city's beggars, found one man who received \$12 a day and owned a beautiful suburban home, from which he journeyed to his "business' each morning. This illustrates the duplicity of the individual but also far more strikingly gives the lie to the oft-repeated statement that the passing city throng is cold and heartless.

Woman Downs Trade Union. (New York Herald.)

Mrs. Turezek's bake-shop was boycotted by the Bohemian Bakers' Union because she employed her brother-not a mem-ber-in defiance of that organization. She stood by her guns, the customers stood by her, and the boycott is a failure. The unions are very powerful in dealing with men, but they are overmatched when they stack up against a woman. Sauce for the Goose, &c.

(New York Herald.) When rigid economy is to be practiced

in order to make a revenue measure a success those who are to be benefited most should be willing to make some personal sacrifices. Representative Ding ley, whose pet law has caused appropria tions for defences to be cut down two thirds in the House, should not ask for gressional district. The Hypnotic Eye.

(New York Herald.) All talesmen who fancied they were vul-

nerable to the "hypnotic eva" of May Kellard were excused from serving in her case. It would be consistent with the usual representation of Justice to blindfold the jurymen. A Lover's Mishap. (New York Herald.)

Oh, bitter world! Oh, bitter world!"
He cried in dark despair.

Much quinine tonic there,

He'd kissed her shining locks and found

You Had Better have your Spring Suit made now. Stock all in. EWIG'S, 729 Main street. New Bell Telephones.

(New York Times.)

(Baltimore American.)

The American led in the opposition to

the trading stamps as an evil innovation in the legitimate business of this city. It now reprints the opinion of the highest court of the District of Columbia, which

Thanks to the Young Ladies.

league's entertainment. The young peo-

Louise Loving, Annie Carelton,

Cranz, and Master Percy Yarbrough.

presided at the plane and organ.

They Are Ready for War.

Confederates, and accompanying each is

a surprise to those who think rebellion is still rife in the Old Dominion.

The Governor has been invited to at-

tend the banquet to be given by the National Association of Democratic Clubs in Washington on Jefferson's birthday.

Senator McCune Better.

A letter from Shenandoah county yes

erday stated that Senator McCune, who

has been quite ill, is now much improved

Mr. C. W. Fellows for Auditor.

Mr. Charles W. Fellows, who is run-

field. For sixteen years he has been the

confidential book-keeper of Julius Meyer

& Sons, the large dry-goods firm, and is

a shrewd financier. Mr. Fellows is making

a very vigorous canvass, and, backed b

the large degree of popularity to which

he has attained, he should give a very good account of himself when the crucial

A Change of Rates.

The Madison Hotel Company have de-

cided to cut their rates in half, and offer

Spring Overconts and Sults.

\$10 Graphophone Talking-Mackines.

Have you seen them? If not, you will

find that it is the wonder of the age. It talks, sings, reproduces all the orchestra and brass bands, to say nothing of imi-

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cognized as an expert book-keeper, and

Mr. W. J. Bryan will be there

and will probably recover.

The Epworth League of Park-Place

The following new subscribers have recently been added to the Richmond Tale phone Exchange (Southern Bell Telegraph and Telephone Company): Rates in Richmond at Buginess, \$2.50 per month; residence, il a per month.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS

DAIRY.

DRUGGIST. 444-Garland & Bauer.

3120-Southern Railway Passenger States,

272-King, James N. 1044-Jones, G. F. tota_Wash John W 822-Hubert, H.

220-Myers, E. T. D. 1078--Witt, W. A

A Splendid Opportunity to Visit Key

steamship "Mascotte" will sail from Port March 5th, touching Key Wes Fig., March 6th, and will then proceed to Port Antonia, Jamaica, leaving Mottego Bay, returning, four days after arrival on island. The rates for this occasion will be from Port Tampa to Jamaica

It now reprints the opinion of the authorourt of the District of Columbia, which banished these speculative nuisances from Washington. The Court of Appeals said that the trading-stamp enterprise came within the scope of the statute prohibiting gift enterprises. The court further said that the company and its agents "are no perchants engaged in business as the trade of the statute prohibiting are not dealers in ordinary merchandise engaged in a legitimate attempt to obtain purchasers for their goods by offering fair and lawful inducements to trade. Their business is the exploitation of nothing more or less than a cunning device. With no stock in trade but that device and the necessary books and stamps, and In connection with this, the Southern train service between Richmond and vicinity and Tampa, Fla., carrying Pull-man's most modern Sleeping Can through to Tampa. The rates from Richmond are \$27.65 one way, and \$47.89 round trip, to Tampa, Fla., return trip goed until May 31, 1898. This offers a most exwith no stock in trade but that device and the necessary books and stamps, and so-called premiums with which to operate it successfully, they have intervened in the legitimate business carried on in the District of Columbia between seller and buyer, not for the advantage of either, but to prey on both. They sell nothing to the person to whom they furnish the premiums. They pretend simply to act for his benefit and advantage by forcing their stamps upon a perhaps unwilling merchant, who pays them in cash at the rate of \$5 a thousand ** There is not a shadow of rational foundation for the stamp company's claim that it confers a benefit upon buyers by procuring for them an actual discount."

We have only to add to this opinion the statement that, so far, the trading-stamp companies have cleared over a million dollars on their tolls upon legitimate business. The people who use the stamps pay the extra money to the schemers, and the merchants gain nothing by the trick. The stamps ought to be stamped out of Maryland, whose tropical climate and scenery have resort to all seeking either health of

Further particulars in regard to the trip will be cheerfully furnished upon application to C. W. Westbury, travelling passenger agent, Southern railway, No 920 east Main street, Richmond, Va.

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INSURANCE. 538-Life Insurance Company of Virginia (Industrial Branch.) MINING.

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